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I am an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator (W6MF) that is involved with emergency services in our fire prone area of Southern California. In our community we have a number of Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMS and other governmental officials that are licensed Amateur Radio Operators. During real and drill activities we establish a communications center with the North County Fire Protection Agency as well as CALFire. Due to the number of licensed personnel in these governmental agencies as well as licensed Amateurs at our local hospital we communicate directly with them via Amateur Radio.

I fully support the passage of this Proposed Rule. It is a great benefit to have access to these communicators in real as well as drills. It contributes to the safety of our community as well as to other communities throughout the U.